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Application No.: 10/782,886) Group Art Unit: 3765
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SLIDE FASTENER)

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1. Japanese patent application publication no. 54-35769. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2-3 of the specification of the present application. This document corresponds to enclosed U.S. Patent No. 3,974,550.

2. Japanese patent application publication no. 51-44405. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 1-2 of the specification of the present application. This document corresponds to enclosed U.S. Patent No. 4,015,450.

3. Japanese patent application publication no. 55-37241. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed. This document corresponds to enclosed U.S. Patent No. 4,002,045.

4. Japanese patent application publication no. 5-91908. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed. This document corresponds to enclosed U.S. Patent No. 5,257,515.

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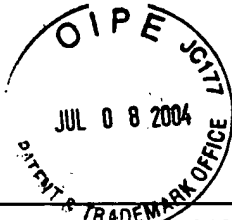
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